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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: TIMING OF NEXT MEETING
REFERENCE: STATE 001529

1. AMBASSADOR KROYER CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER JANUARY 8 IN ORDER TO CONVEY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH HE HAD ALREADY PASSED INFORMALLY TO EUR/NE (REFTEL). HE SAID AN AGREED COUNTERPROPOSAL TO OUR NOVEMBER PROPOSALS ON IDF SEEMS TO BE EMERGING WITHIN GOI. SINCE IT WAS NOT YET READY, IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO MEET IN MID-JANUARY, BUT THE FONMIN'S REQUEST TO DEFER THE MEETING WAS MADE IN THE HOPE THAT THE COUNTERPROPOSAL WOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE END OF THE MONTH. KROYER UNDERSTOOD THAT FONMIN HAD CONVEYED THESE VIEWS TO AMBASSADOR IRVING (REYKJAVIK 0025).

2. UNDER SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE PERIOD AROUND THE END OF
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THE MONTH AND THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR HIM, BUT WE HAD SUGGESTED A SESSION IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 12-15. THIS WAS ON THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE SUBSEQUENT SESSION WOULD BE IN REYKJAVIK. KROYER SAID SINCE

FONMIN WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD AGREED GOI POSITION, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO MEET IN REYKJAVIK NEXT TIME. THIS WOULD GIVE US TIME TO CONSIDER GOI COUNTER-PROPOSAL BEFORE SUBSEQUENT SESSION.

3. UNDER SECRETARY SAID WE HAVE HEARD WHAT PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

(PA) HAS IN MIND. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD NOT BE VERY USEFUL PATH TO TAKE, AND WE HOPE EMERGING GOI POSITION WILL REPRESENT ALL OF GOVERNMENT. PA MUST, OF COURSE, FOLLOW PARTY LINE AND GOI MUST TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT, BUT WE HOPE GOI WILL CONSIDER BROADER INPUT AND REFLECT WIDER INTERESTS THAN JUST THOSE OF PA. WE DO NOT KNOW IF PROGRESSIVE PARTY HAS ACCEPTED PA PROPOSAL. WE HOPE NOT. WE WILL BE AWAITING GOI POSITION AS A WHOLE.

NATURALLY, PA IS VERY ACTIVIST BUT THERE IS MORE TO BE SAID THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THEIR VIEWS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEIR POSITION TAKES ACCOUNT OF ICELAND'S AND NATO'S FUTURE NEEDS. KROYER TOOK NOTES ON ABOVE AND, WHEN ASKED FOR PERSONAL VIEWS OF PA PROPOSAL AND ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO GOI, REPLIED HE WAS NOT ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING ON THIS SCORE.

4. UNDER SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY GOI REACTION TO ROUTE WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING IN OUR PROPOSALS ON IDF. WAS THIS USEFUL METHOD? KROYER REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION TO THE CONTRARY.

5. UNDERSECRETARY ASKED IF GOI HAD COMMENTED ON IDEA OF ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAM OR HAD SUGGESTED ANY OTHER AREAS WHERE WE MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE. KROYER SAID FONMIN APPEARED RESPONSIVE TO ANTI-TERRORISM SUGGESTION AND ICELANDIC AIRLINE COMPANIES ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

6. UNDER SECRETARY COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON SOVIET PLANES TRANSITING ICELAND TO CUBA AND ASKED KROYER WHETHER GOI HAD ANY VIEWS ON THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SECRET

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ICELAND. KROYER ANSWERED HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM ICELAND.

7. REFERRING TO DAN MORGAN'S ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST JANUARY 8 (TEXT SENT TO PAO), UNDERSECRETARY INFORMED KROYER WE HAD PREPARED ANSWERS IN THE EVENT QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING AND HANDED HIM COPY. (IN THE EVENT, NO QUESTIONS CAME UP). ANSWERS SAY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14 POSTPONED TO EARLY FEBRUARY AT ICELANDIC REQUEST AND WE ARE WORKING OUT A NEW DATE; MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON; POSTPONEMENT IS SIMPLY TO PROVIDE MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS MEETING. KISSINGER

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